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**North Hollywood Man to Stand
Trial for Sister's Murder**

A North Hollywood man was arraigned today after being ordered to stand trial for the murder of his sister, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Mathew Vodnoy said Mario Alejandro Martínez (dob 10/11/90) pleaded not guilty to murder in case LA075140.

A pretrial hearing is now scheduled for June 16 in Department R of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Van Nuys Branch.

He was ordered to stand trial on May 2 after a one-day preliminary hearing.

According to testimony at that hearing, on Sep. 2, 2013 Raquel Martínez went to her mother's apartment, where the defendant also lived, to bring some milk. Mario Martínez, angry at his sister because of a fight earlier in the year, allegedly grabbed a knife from the kitchen and chased her into the street.

Their mother attempted to intervene but could not stop Martínez from purportedly stabbing the victim to death. The defendant tried to escape but two Good Samaritans who saw the attack followed him and directed police to his location, the prosecutor said.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department, North Hollywood Division.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](#) prosecuted more than 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants.